

The following letter appeared in *The Record* on March 15, 2006

**Wyckoff project should be rejected**

To the editor:

There is growing opposition to the proposed ten house project in Wyckoff that will destroy a beautiful and historic area for the financial benefit of a very small few, including the parents of former Wyckoff resident, actress Tara Reid, and the builders, the Milanese company, as well as several others. This unconscionable proposal would require the wholesale destruction of the natural beauty of the Ravine, a ten thousand year old formation with significant wetlands, one of the few pristine natural places remaining in Wyckoff. This town, where I have lived for nearly 23 years, has seen almost every square inch of developable farmland and other property turned into McMansions, and one has to wonder when will it stop? One almost wishes for much higher interest rates to choke off builders' access to cash and mortgage-creation. We would like to see this project halted.

All residents of Wyckoff and the surrounding area should write to the Planning Board at Town Hall in Wyckoff to demand that they reject the requests for variances that the builders of the Ravine project will require in order to proceed with their destructive but lucrative development. The address is: Mr. G. Stanley, Chairman, Wyckoff Planning Board, Memorial Town Hall, 340 Franklin Ave., Wyckoff, NJ 07481. Please make your voice heard on this issue. Tell them to draw the line on the destruction of the Ravine. Your community will thank you for many years to come.

Michael Becker  
Wyckoff, NJ

The writer is a former member and former President of the Wyckoff Board of Education